

FAD 70 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Updates

Thursday, September 5, 2019

1. Social Studies
 - a. National Geographic Resources (Highland)
 - i. 6th Grade - World History
 - ii. 7th and 8th Grade - American History
 - iii. 6th-8th Grade: World Cultures and Geography
 - iv. Global Issues
 - b. Pearson Field test for elementary schools
2. Social Emotional Learning
 - a. Identify and regulate emotions
 - b. K-5 Second Step areas of focus
 - i. Skills for learning
 - ii. Empathy
 - iii. Emotion management
 - iv. Problem Solving
3. Six-Day Enrollment
 - a. Overall an increase of 60 students from last year (+2.7 compared to last year and -6.7% compared to 2014-2015).
4. Summer School
 - a. 998 students were engaged in a variety of learning activities
 - b. New classes included sign language, coding, gardening, and astronomy
5. E-learning Information and Activity
 - a. D70 was a pioneer in the use of e-learning to enable student learning to continue when school was closed due to inclement weather or other reasons. Last year, D70 was able to use our existing e-learning initiative to count three days when school was canceled due to inclement weather as actual days of attendance and not have to extend the school year. This is likely to change based on new guidance from ISBE.
 - b. Our current e-learning initiative plans for approximately 40 minutes of learning activities for each day that school would be canceled due to inclement weather. ISBE is now requiring school districts to have 5 hours of instruction or school work in place for each student participating in an e-learning day in order to count an inclement weather day as a day of student attendance.
 - c. “The [new law](#) expands e-learning flexibility and reinstates the minimum requirement of five hours of instructional time during a school day -- a provision that sunset in 2017.
 - i. <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Story.aspx?ItemId=28>
 - d. Administrators have discussed, but we are also interested in parent feedback.